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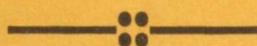
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HOW THE WIND IS BLOWING

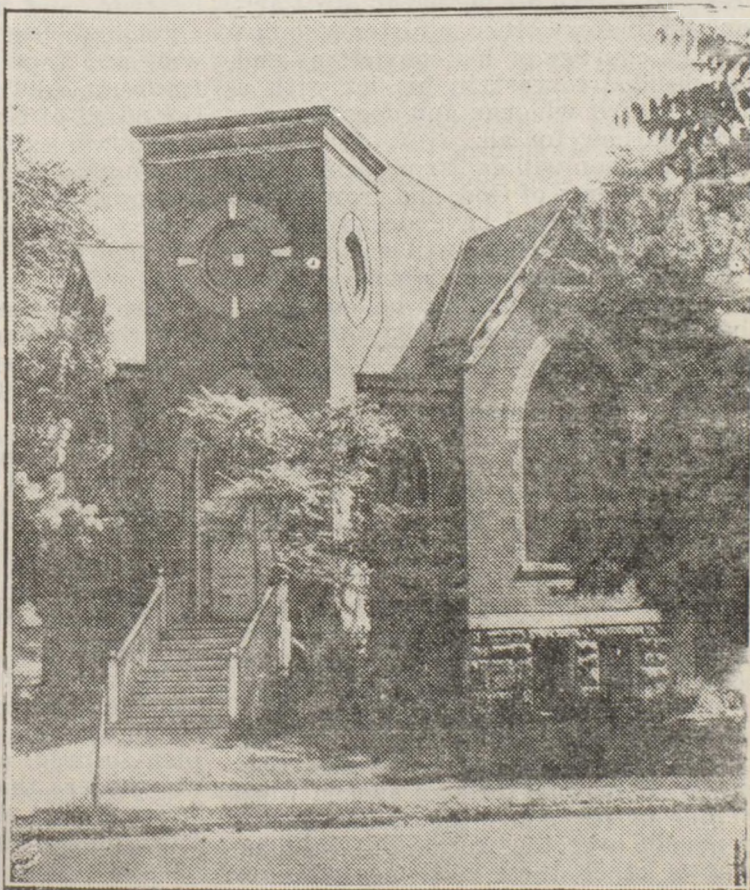
In pioneering this movement, I have not paid much attention to what other religious organizations are doing. I find that I have all I can do to successfully navigate this movement to a successful future, hence I have had little time to notice what the rest of the denominations are doing.

Every so often, however, an item is called to my attention which is worthy of note, for it tells how the wind is blowing the straws in the national religious picture. Quite often, newspaper clippings come to me telling me of ministers leaving their own denominations and preaching "*Psychiana*," but I haven't paid much attention to them to date. I do not ask any ministers to leave their own denominations unless they see the foolishness of preaching a dead God to a live American public. I'll guarantee you that 75 per cent of the preachers and priests today know that their story is not true, yet they continue to preach it. But more and more, ministers are openly leaving the ministry and embracing the principles of "*Psychiana*." I want to call attention to an article recently appearing in an Omaha paper which showed a picture of the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, whose pastor, the Reverend John Carlson, forsook the Methodist Episcopal doctrine and turned around and

rented this church for the preaching of "*Psychiana*."

Of all the hard shelled religionists, the Swedes are about the hardest shelled. It is about a toss-up between my good friends the Baptists and the Lutherans, but believe me when a Swedish preacher goes back on Methodism and rents his church for the preaching of another doctrine, taking the majority of his congregation with him, that's news.

I am quoting the article in full and



EX-PASTOR RENTS CHURCH.—This building, the First Swedish Methodist Episcopal church for the past 35 years, has been rented by Rev. John Carlson, who is forsaking Methodist Episcopalism and in September will establish a new institution, probably under the name of the Pioneer Institute of Practical Religion.

also giving you a picture of the church exactly as it was reproduced in this Omaha paper.

Mr. Carlson was in California this summer while I was there, but it was so that I did not have an opportunity of meeting this gentleman, although I shall make it a point to see him sometime in the future.

The main thing to notice here is that Mr. Carlson had the courage of his convictions and instead of living an empty life, useless to himself and his congregation, he decided after he had found the truths of God as revealed by my teaching, to preach them in the same building in which for 35 years the old Methodist Episcopal doctrine had been preached. I take off my hat to Mr. Carlson and to every other minister who has had the courage of his convictions and has decided to cast in his lot with a Living Spirit who can and does operate here and now for all.

Mr. Carlson will go far preaching the actual existence of God, and crowds will flock to hear him. I have already promised Mr. Carlson that I will go to Omaha and conduct a campaign whenever I can get away and whenever he considers the time is ripe. What a pity that I can not be in a dozen different places at the same time.

Now these ministers who are leaving the orthodox field and embracing the living, vital truths of God as taught by me are mature men and above all, they are fundamentally honest men. They have learned from bitter experience that the old pagan story of crucifixion, resurrection and all the rest of that stuff, brings no light nor satisfaction to any life. At some time or other, in some way or other, their attention has been directed to "*Psychiana*." It may be through newspaper advertisements, or may be through magazine advertisements. It may be through spoken word of one of my many thousands of students all over the world. But in some way or other, these good men who are preaching orthodox theology, became interested, and they are studying with me. Quite naturally they see the light in what I teach, and seeing that light, they make up their minds to follow in that light, and imbued with the power

of the most High, they turn their backs on the pagan superstitions of their own denominations and find real life, real truth, and real service in and through the living spirit whom we choose to call God.

All over the United States, I am hearing of instances like this one and I don't think it too much to predict that the next 10 years might very easily see this little movement which was started so humbly a few years ago, develop into the foremost religion in the United States. Certain it is that more men and women want to know the truth, and equally certain it is that no religious organization today is giving them the truth. They know all about mass and baptism, and the gift of tongues and all that sort of stuff, but they know as well as I know that it is all very, very far removed from the great Realm of the Spirit of God as this Realm of creative power exists. And they are tired of it. That is the reason that such movements as Dr. Townsend's movement go with such rapidity all over the world. Dr. Townsend's plan contains the elements of human equality and of brotherly love, and therefore, regardless of the fact that the movement may be crushed for the time being, it should be written into the Constitution of this United States of ours.

I think it the most glorious thing I have ever read of for many years. Any legislation or any system which imposes a small tax to support men and women in the evening of their lives is a good movement, and furthermore, the principles of the Spirit of God are in that movement.

No church the world has ever known has been able to secure as many followers in as short a time as the Townsend plan secured, and I don't mind telling my readers that I am 100 per cent in favor of this plan. If there is anything I can do to help the plan along, I shall be glad to do it, just simply because every movement which helps to lighten the burden of the many is a movement in which I am vitally interested.

Dr. Townsend has started something that will not be quelled over night. It is true that Congress did not entertain the

proposition, but I am not so sure the issue is dead, by any means.

However, the point I am making is that the people are very quick to acknowledge any sensible, sane philosophy which helps the human race as a whole. Preachers and priests tell us, of course, that we are pilgrims along rough and thorny roads, and that we should not make any attempt of any kind to better ourselves. They tell us that the Lord ordained that most of us should not have very much of this world's goods, and what little we have, of course, we should donate freely to the church, and then in some other life after we die, we shall obtain our reward in heaven. However, men and women are beginning to believe that perhaps a little more of this world's goods down here would be more preferable to a lot of goods in heaven. Heaven is a very mysterious place, and we haven't had any visitors come back and tell us what it is like, so I think reason and good judgment demand that at least we can not go wrong if we try to lighten each other's burdens while on this earth.

The Townsend movement is nothing more nor less than absolute proof that men and women are sick and tired of what orthodox religion peddles today in the name of God.

If we had more men like the Reverend Carlson, men of conviction, men of truth, men of courage, I am telling you that the church would lose what little influence it may have over the people, and replacing the pagan truths of the church, there would be the glorious truth of God as it actually exists.

I am reminded, on closing this article, of the few sentences written by that master religionist, Robert G. Ingersoll. *"When I became convinced that the universe is natural, that the ghosts and gods are myths, there entered into my brain, into my soul, into every drop of my blood, the sense, the feeling, the joy of freedom. Then my heart was filled with gratitude and with the fullness, and went out in love to all the heroes, the thinkers who gave their lives for the liberty of hand and brain, and then I vowed to grasp the torch that they had held, and hold it high that light might conquer darkness still."*

It is almost 75 years since that was written, yet how true it is today. Of course, when Mr. Ingersoll stated that all Gods and ghosts are myths, he alluded to all church Gods. He did not allude to the true God, the creator of this Universe.

A TRAGEDY

The following letters speak for themselves and we submit them only to show the undercurrent of feeling among those who are preaching the "gospel" and endeavoring to "lead others into the Kingdom." False prophets if ever there were false prophets. There are probably many hundred officers in the Salvation Army who feel just like this dear sister does, but, like her, they dare not open their mouths for it means their bread and butter. What a pity. But the followers of the Army will attend the "knee-drill" early every Sunday morning, and will get out on the street corner and tell you and me how Jesus "saved them from their sins," etc., when as a

matter of fact, were they absolutely honest with themselves and with the rest of the world, they would admit that no such thing had ever happened to them.

Our contact with many preachers leads us to believe that the same state of affairs exists in the church also, and probably to a far greater extent than it does in the Army. These fellows who, Sunday after Sunday, ask you and me to worship some god who sits up in the sky, and who tell us that except we "repent and be baptised," we shall all likewise perish, know, and they know full well, or at least they suspect that there

never was any such a god as that in existence at all.

But like this good colonel's wife, they dare not open their mouths, and so, Sunday after Sunday, they stand in their pulpits with a feigned pious look on their faces, endeavoring to show you and me how to find a god that they know never existed. What a marvelous revelation awaits these good brethren when they actually come to know God as He is and as He operates. They will know for a certainty then in whom they believe, for they will be able to manifest and demonstrate His power both in their own lives and in the lives of others—which, of course, they cannot do now.

It will be noticed that this lady is a full-fledged colonel in the Salvation Army—not a soldier nor a lieutenant—but a colonel, which is quite an office with this organization. For obvious reasons we shall not give either the name or the address, but the originals of these letters are all on file in our offices, with many others like them. For it is somewhat remarkable how many of the ministers turn to us in their hour of need and mental or soul-distress. We are happy, though, as we are able to point them to the real Living God who takes a delight in helping those who need it here and now. And we feel that any God doing that is also perfectly capable of looking after whatever future life there may be also, as far as His children are concerned.

The first letter came about the 18th of February this year, and reads as follows:

"Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for an early reply to my second letter. I am somewhat surprised and a little upset to learn that you did not receive my first communication. In it I stated that we were Salvation Army officers. Have been in the Army all our lives. We were sent here from — over two years ago. Speaking personally I can't feel that it is the will of God. It is very hard here and they have more officers than they can really take care of. Do you think you could help me get out of this place? My husband is worthy of a promotion and should have it, but we have been kept down through certain people. Do you think your course would help me?

"I feel sorry for my husband and would like to help him as he is not only a good christian but a leader and a business man

who would do well in any position. We do not wish to change our work now as far as the Army is concerned, as we have given our lives for the helping of poor people, but we are not helping here. Sorry to have to bother you with such a long letter.

"Sincerely,

—."

The following is a copy of our reply to this good sister. We give it verbatim:

"Dear Friend:

"I was glad to receive your letter and though I shall shock you probably with this reply, it may be after all that it will be an expected shock for I suspect that you have done some thinking along this line yourself. In the first place it will be necessary sooner or later for you to discard such teachings as you have been using for these teachings have no basis in fact. Don't misunderstand me at all for I both know Army work very well and I also know something of bible history. The trouble is with the interpretation of God and I am very free to say that the Army teaching is very erroneous.

"The 'Blood and Fire' doctrine is positively useless to both you and to your hearers and if you will be honest with yourself, you have seen enough of the teaching to admit it.

"I have nothing much against these teachings as I suppose they must be considered but one step in the upward spiritual growth of man, and I suppose it had to be. But for you and your husband to miss the very finest things in life and to live from hand to mouth is not only unjust but is fooling yourself. I am convinced that your husband could employ his time more profitably and serve humanity better if he were out of the Army for as far as spiritual power goes, the Army has had its day. People are thinking above these things and are replacing the old anthropomorphic god of the bible who lives in "heaven" with the very potent God of the universe, and they are finding out some of the actual power of the mighty Life Spirit, whose sole office work is to manifest Himself to people here and now in a material as well as a spiritual way.

"You probably will not agree with me all at once, but from this letter will go out to you the intuition and the conviction that it contains the truth."

A few more sentences of a strictly personal nature followed and we mailed the letter to the good sister in the Lord. On March 10 this year we received the following letter from the colonel herself:

"Dear Dr. Robinson:

"Thank you for your letter of the 2nd. It was good of you to write me so fully and

I appreciate all you say. **I have discarded the old coat long ago** and have studied much in truth, but have only just started as I see it. My husband would not leave his Army. It is his meat and drink and I must stand by him. One could not expect him to make any change now unless he had a great conviction and I admire him for his life of sacrifice when I know how different things could be. Still—I cannot say more now, only hope that God will lift us out of this place. I have tried to take everything that comes along in the right spirit, but when I think we have been sent here just to make way for someone else, sometimes it's very hard.

"God is overruling our lives, I am sure, and some day He will open the way. I would gladly pay you if you could help us out of this place where there is no chance and where people are so narrow. This is a very personal matter and I am putting great confidence in you and I am sure you will regard my letter as such.

"Trusting to hear from you at an early date and hoping you will pardon me for writing you again and taking so much of your valuable time.

"Cordially,

You will see now the reason why we delete the name and the city and the state. To this letter we replied as follows:

"Dear Friend:

"I know what you think and feel, but still believe that you are misunderstanding God very badly—at least your husband is. He probably still believes that God made man out of the dust, woman from the rib, then got sorry and drowned them all, etc., etc., and if this be a fact, then all I can say is that I feel quite sorry for you, for the chances are that he will hang onto this belief, impossible though it is, until his dying day. This world changes slowly, and children give up their playthings with much reluctance, and so I suppose that he will live and die in the Army.

"Now as for your statement that 'God will open the way.' God will NOT open the way—you will have to open the way yourself, my friend. God is Law—a mighty operating Law, and He operates even though people do not recognize Him as operating. But you will have to apply the Law—God—and then when you do that you will know something of the mighty workings of this mighty Law—God. And not until, for you can pray yourself black in the face, and the heavens will not answer you, neither will any god in them answer you for no such god resides there. Then again you make another mistake. You speak of a life of sacrifice when as a matter of fact the only ones being sacrificed are yourself and husband. No one else.

"The heads of the S. A. care nothing for you, for this institution has degenerated into a financial organization and nothing more, and I know whereof I speak when I make that statement. In Gen. Booth's day it was fine to take the stand he took, and he has done quite a little good, I expect. But such methods and such lines of thought will not be accepted today. It's fine to have a big band, etc., and to play on the street corners, but GOD is not contacted even that way. Your situation is one calling for thought and action. I am opposed to any sort of hypocrisy, and of course there is none on your husband's part. You, of course, are a part of your husband and so must stay by the ship. I know what I'd do—but I won't even suggest it to you. But you may depend upon it, Mrs. — that I am prepared at any time to stand with my back against the wall, depending on the actual power of the mighty Life Spirit, and tell the whole world or the whole church to go south if necessary. To me there is one thing that counts and only one—that is the presence and the spirit of God. And I would break up my home at a moment's notice to follow that Spirit were that necessary. Fortunately it is very rarely necessary for the Law of God doesn't work that way, but if it did it wouldn't take me long to follow the leads. For nothing else matters and nothing else counts in life, and this life is the only one we know anything about. If you had progressed a little farther in truth you would know exactly how to handle the situation, but let me give you a hint. The next time you are alone, forget to look up into the sky, and just speak to God as if He were with you in the room. Keep very quiet. Smile. Relax, and then go out after an hour's quiet talk, with the absolute assurance that He has heard and knows. THEN—you do whatever you are led to do, no matter what it be—do you understand that?

"For the Living God answers those who wait for His voice and if you keep quiet there will be no question as to the voice of God. You won't mistake it for anything else. I think I know you, Mrs. —. I can't say where I met you, probably in Toronto where I went to school. Write me any time you feel like it for I shall always find time to answer you sooner or later.

"Kindest regards."

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Our readers will see what a tragedy here is being enacted. Here is a man of fine platform appearance, one who could possibly make enough money and do enough real good one thousand per cent more than he is doing now, if it were not for his belief in his god—the god of the Jews of old—"Yah-veh." This is the same god who drowned out the race he had created, saving but one man

and this man a drunkard and an immoralist. And how any normal thinking American can believe in such a god as that is quite past me. I don't understand it. I understand how it could be believed say, 50 years ago, but in the light of recent scientific findings and scholarly research I positively do not understand it.

It is easier for me to understand the poor Hindoo throwing himself under the wheels of the car his god Juggernaut rides on than it is for me to believe the story the Army and the church tells us about God. It is positively unthinkable that any normal man or woman could believe for one moment that the God of this universe made a man out of spit and mud, then made a woman from his fifth rib, and then, when he had the earth nicely populated, regretted that he had made them and drowned them all like rats in a trap. And yet this is the very same god the church is asking you and me to believe in. One preacher told us the other day that the beliefs of the church were fast changing, and that this sort of stuff is not believed any more. But we have seen no official action renouncing this "Yah-veh" tribal god of the Jews. We have seen no official announcement of the bible being discarded altogether or even in part. And until we do see such announcement, and as long as these impossible things are written into the tenets of our religious denominations, then we shall assume them still to be believed. And if they are not believed, then let the church have manhood enough to come out into the open and state that it does not believe such impossible and foolish stories. And the very moment it does that, in that very moment will it be placing itself in a position where it can actually find God. And when the church finds God, the marvel will be to itself, why it hung on to such pagan doctrines and creeds and myths for so long. When the church finds God, what a difference there will be in its behavior. It will be as unlike what it is today as cheese is unlike a hot-dog. Will the church ever come out into the open and admit its error? Well, if it doesn't it will die a fast and perfectly natural death. And no one realizes that better than the church officials them-

selves. New churches?—they don't need new churches, what they do need is to destroy those they now have. Remove from existence every last taint of the godless hypocrisy it has handed down to you and me as the truth of God.

Imagine it—God a just God—being so just and so powerless that it required that he split himself into parts, and send one-third of himself down to the earth to be butchered for the sins of the whole race. What sins? Where would be the justice there even if the dirty story were true, which it isn't? Who believes that a woman conceived after a visit with an "angel" and bore a child, without a father? And if so, then what sort of an angel was it? But the church would have us believe that this actually happened. It would have us believe that a few score of dead and putrefying skeletons actually got up out of their graves and walked around among the business men of Jerusalem. Yes—it actually asks you and me to believe that sort of stuff, and then tells us if we don't believe it we are all doomed to hell—and this in enlightened and civilized America. Well, thank heaven there are a few million of us who don't for one moment believe it. And just as sure as you are alive this church structure, and the Army with it will have to chuck all such fables into the discard or die—if indeed it has anything in it to die. It takes life to die, and as far as the church goes, it never had any spiritual life, has none now, and never will have any as long as it holds to its present dogmas.

Let none of my readers misunderstand me here. I am not an irresponsible, making irrational and untrue statements, nor do I not realize what I am saying. Also I know full well the antipathy and the hate the church is stewing and brewing up in itself against me and this work of mine—I know that and never give it a second thought for there are not enough churchmen in existence to stop this work unless they put its directing head out of the way and they haven't the nerve to do that. My work is well known to me, and the responsibility is also well known, and we trust we are big enough to make a stand for God alone against the whole church structure as it exists. We believe we know

enough of the mighty power of God to fight this rotten structure to the death, and we shall never let up until its influence is dead and buried, or—it finds God.

The question may be raised here as to how it could be possible for the thousands of churches in existence to be in existence if the doctrine they are preaching is wrong. Well—the answer to that is simple. We are living in a transitional age. Civilization moves either forward or backward with startling accuracy every 2000 years. And it is about to take the most stupendous step forward it has ever taken. That step will be taken then it utterly discards the foolish pagan mythical "Yah-veh" or Jehovah, and finds the Living God as He actually exists. We are ready for that discovery now. The church of course does not know it. It sails along its merry way, much perturbed at its lessening prestige and power, but still living in the fools' paradise which concedes to itself all the truth of God. Not for one instant does it even imagine that it might in reality be teaching a god that never existed. It could not possibly be so. But it is due for a mighty rude awakening shortly—I promise you that, and when that awakening comes, the present church structure will pass out of existence so fast that no one will ever see it go. It isn't many years since the earth was considered by the church to be flat. Men were put to death by the church for saying that it wasn't flat. Galileo was threatened with a burning-alive death if he didn't renounce his statement that the earth moved round the sun. The church informed him that the bible said that Joshua commanded the sun to stand still, and therefore the sun must move around the earth. And the poor old fellow, bound and facing that holy fire of fagots, rescinded his statement to save his old life. But after they had liberated him and he was walking away from the murdering horde of "god's agents," he muttered—"but the earth does move just the same."

It isn't so very long since John Wesley of Methodism fame stated publicly that all "witches" should be burned alive. (We wonder why the Methodist pastors don't tell their congregations that.) It isn't so many years ago since Halley's

comet was looked upon in this country as a visitation from God upon the people for their sins. It isn't so many years since men and women had their eyes gouged out, their tongues slit up the middle, their limbs torn from them on a cruel rack, and all by "christians" and in the name of the same god the church still asks us to believe in.

So don't be surprised if it should be found that there is in existence a God the church knows nothing about. Certainly you and I want nothing to do with the god it preaches, if all the things done in his name were ordered by him as the church tells us. And if this heathen god of the church be not the god of the universe, then it stands to reason that there is another power that the church knows nothing of, and this we claim to be a fact. Such a power does exist. The students of psychology have earnestly attempted to find this power through "mind" both "subconscious" and "universal." The new thought people very foolishly tell us that this other god may be found "within one's self" by gazing at bright lights, sitting in the "silence" for hours and other absurd practices. But the main thing is that it is being recognized that there is at work, here and now, some other mighty power, of which power we are glimpsing a few of its remarkable characteristics from time to time. The old "orthodox religion" is going into the discard in the minds of every thinking man and woman who is in earnest for the truth. That is the fact that counts. And all these blind gropings only corroborate our contentions that this old world is on the verge of the mightiest discovery it has ever made.

We of "*Psychiana*" know, and we know absolutely that such a power exists. We are calling it God, for that is what it is. And more than that, we of "*Psychiana*" believe the greatest stumbling block in the way of finding the actual God of the universe as He really exists, is the church with its old pagan god who makes dead people get up out of their graves, insists on foreskins being cut off, etc. Murdering innocent babies by the thousand—an act which, on account of its barbarous cruelty, never could have happened. But this is

the God the church believes in and preaches. And so our first duty is to fight this church proposition and bring it to its knees, which we will do before we get through.

The truth always hurts someone, but it only hurts those who are opposed to its teachings. And as the church makes its attempts to malign and slander us, our consolation lies in the fact that this same church ordered Jesus Christ to be put to death when He came to bring the same message we are attempting to bring. Then it substituted a god of its own which it stole from the Roman church, and still has him with his barbarous teachings. But a change is coming. Sometimes it takes quite a little while for the light to break, but truth is truth and will always prevail. And

to the church we say—if this work "*Psychiana*" be born of God, you had better let it alone, for nothing you can do against it will be effective in doing it harm. And if it be not born of God, it will die a natural death without your help. If, however, the activities of the past year are to be taken as a guide to our future activities, then certainly our work is cut out for in one short year our humble efforts have gone all around the civilized globe. And we haven't got a good start yet. God's mills sometimes grind slowly, but they grind exceeding fine, and we are happy in the vision that we have, and shall be happier in carrying this message of the Living God to the countless thousands who are anxiously awaiting it.

Scientist Unfolds Spectacle of Racing Stars

By Raymond A. Bruner

(The Cleveland News, Monday, Nov. 19, 1934)

A tremendously large group of stars is sailing through the heavens past the earth, the sun, and the rest of the solar systems at a speed of 10 miles a second. The sun and its brood of planets is now at about the center of the group.

All the stars apparently started from one place billions of years ago. All are heading in practically the same direction.

Most notable in this stupendous procession are the five middle stars of the Big Dipper, which you can see in the north any clear evening, and the dog star Sirius, which shines brightly in the south during the winter months.

126 STARS IN GROUP

In this group 126 stars have been found. The cluster is 450 light years across, a light year being 6,000,000,000,000 miles.

This was reported to the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences today by Dr. J. J. Nasau, director of the Warner & Swasey observatory of Case School of Applied Science. With the as-

sistance of L. G. Henyey he charted the cluster from calculations of the motions of the giant suns recorded in the Yale bright star catalog.

After making the calculations and determining mathematically the positions of the stars in the heavens. Dr. Nassau and his assistant created a model group.

The model revealed that the procession was divided in two distinct halves, separated by a gap 54 light years wide. One half is traveling slightly faster than the other.

All the stars are more massive than our sun. The sun, with its brood of tiny planets, Dr. Nassau calculates, will be outside in 2,500,000 years.

Creation of a heavier element from a lighter one, a goal long sought by medieval alchemists, has been accomplished in the laboratory of the University of Chicago.

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Sciences, by Dr. William D. Harkins of the university.

He was able to manufacture oxygen—the element which we breathe for the maintenance of life—out of nitrogen—the element in the air out of which fertilizer and explosives are made.

He accomplished the transmutation of the element nitrogen on a very minute scale in the laboratory. Heavy neutral parts of atoms, called neutrons, were fired at the hearts of nitrogen atoms.

The bombardment built up a new kind of nitrogen. This new nitrogen did not hold together very long, however. When it fell apart is changed into oxygen.

The neutrons had previously been used in the laboratory to tear up the hearts of atoms to find out how they are made.

Indication that the attraction of the moon may cause the speed of light to vary was contained in a report which was to be presented by Dr. F. G. Pease of the Mount Wilson observatory.

Working with Dr. F. Pearson of the University of Chicago, he sent a beam of light through a gigantic vacuum tube a mile long and three feet in diameter.

Their experiment was the continuation of the measurements started by the late Dr. A. A. Michelson, former professor at Case School of Applied Science.

SEEK MORE ACCURACY

He found that in air the speed was approximately 186,000 miles a second. In sending the light through the air to measure its velocity the scientists did not feel that their experiments were as accurate as they should be.

Measuring the speed in a partial vacuum in the tube which was set up near Santa Ana, Calif., the scientists found that the speed varied about six miles a second.

MANY THEORIES UPSET

Variation in the speed of light upsets many of the theories of the construction of the universe which have been set up. It will also make it necessary, physicists believe, for Dr. Albert Einstein to modify his theories of relativity.

Speed is one of the most important yardsticks in charting out the universe. The relativity theories have been badly

ly damaged by measurements of the ether drift conducted by Dr. Dayton C. Miller of Case School. He reported he had received new evidence that confirms his work.

REVEALS SPEED OF EARTH

The evidence is a report of experiments conducted by Director Ernest Esclangon of the Paris astronomical observatory.

His findings show that the earth is traveling through the ether at a speed of 130 miles a second. It is traveling toward the constellation of the Dragon in the northern sky.

Through thousands of observations with the interfereometer, Dr. Miller has found the earth traveling in the same direction relative to the ether. His calculated speed was 133 miles a second.

MEASURES ADDED TIME

In his experiments, Dr. Miller measured the increased length of time it took light to travel in the direction the earth was found to be moving.

The Parisian astronomer found the almost identical speed of the earth's drift through the ether by measuring the amount a beam of light is bent away from the direction that the earth is traveling.

He found that a beam of light 50 feet long was bent a microscopical amount when the earth was traveling in a direction at right angles to the beam.

MAKE BASEBALL COMPARISON

This revealed that you can measure the speed of the earth through the ether just as you can find the speed of a moving train by measuring the amount the path of a baseball bends if you throw the ball with a certain velocity out the train window.

The French scientists checked these findings by calculating the amount the earth is flattened out in the direction it is traveling with reference to the ether.

He based these calculations on tens of thousands of observations of the ocean and earth tides. The calculations tallied with the observations of Dr. Miller and the Parisian astronomer's own measurements of the bent light beam.

BASIS OF EINSTEIN THEORY.

Dr. Einstein based his special theory

of relativity on the assumption that the results of the ether drift experiments were negative. But they never were.

Observations of the variable star, Vita Aurigz, in the constellation of the Bull may force revision of previous ideas on variable stars, Dr. Harlow Shapley, director of the Harvard observatory, declared in a paper which he presented today.

The star is really two stars revolving about each other, one a brilliant blue and the other a dull red. The blue star is 25,000 times as large as its partner.

ECLIPSE LASTS 30 DAYS

"Once in 1,000 days the red star eclipses the blue. The eclipse lasts 30 days and during this time it is possible to learn the nature of the red star from the light of the blue shining through the other's atmosphere," Dr. Shapley said.

"From our observations it seems apparent that the stars were originally one and that at some time another star passing close to it drew off the atmosphere to form the red star, leaving only the blue nucleus. The atmosphere then formed its own nucleus and became a

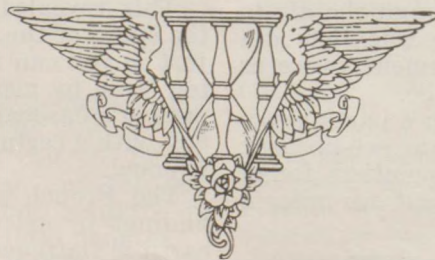
second star, accounting for the difference in mass and size."

The meeting opened in the physics lecture room at Case School of Applied Science with an address of welcome by Dr. William E. Wickenden, president of Case, and by President Winfred G. Leutner of Western Reserve university.

RESPONDS TO WELCOME

Dr. William W. Campbell, president of the National academy, which has the most distinguished membership of all scientific societies in the United States, responded to the welcome.

Included on the program this afternoon was Dr. C. G. Abbot, secretary of the Smithsonian institution, who will speak on the light given off by the hotter stars; Dr. J. J. Nassau, director of the Warner & Swasey observatory of Case school, was to tell of his new observations with regard to the Big Dipper, and Drs. Robert R. McMath and Robert M. Petrie will tell of the motion pictures they have taken of the solar prominences — great eruptions that shoot up tens of thousands of miles from the sun's surface.



OUR NEW BUILDING



One of the most remarkable demonstrations of friendship I have ever seen happened recently when I put out a letter to a few of my students, asking if they would not like to help me finance our new two-story office building in Moscow. Several thousand dollars came in immediately, and with that help, and with some other financing, I, personally, was able to do, the building is now being built.

It will cost in the neighborhood of 35 to 40 thousand dollars, and I have taken and am still taking all the cash I have or can get hold of, and that, with a loan I am making, will at least assure the completion of the building.

It will be a very heavy strain on me, personally, yet I am glad to do it, and the only thing I have to say to those students who so wonderfully helped is, "Thank you."

I could use several thousands of dollars more, for I want, if possible, to pay for this building as soon as I can, and those who desire to do so, may send contributions to me in Moscow. All of it goes into the new building which will be an asset, I am sure.

FRANK B. ROBINSON.

BEHAVIORISM ANALYZED

This magazine will always be eminently fair. We shall always write in a strain which will leave no room for doubt as to what we mean, and, as our slogan implies, we shall ever support the truth and expose the false. We realize, however, that everyone is privileged to believe whatsoever they choose to believe. Nor would we attempt to mold anyone's opinion on any subject. Each is captain of his own ship and is responsible for its safe arrival at port or its shipwreck on some sunken shoal, on the stormy sea of life.

Our article in a former issue "*Exit Behaviorism*," created quite some comment and many letters from students who are being taught this theory. I realize fully their anxiety to know that the teaching they are receiving is a correct teaching, and I also realize that there are colleges left yet which teach this Behavioristic theory. So this month we shall go more fully into the subject and produce conclusive evidence in support of our statement that it is a malicious teaching. In our previous editorial on the subject we showed that the founder of the theory who, by the way, is now selling advertising in New York, stated in *Psychology Magazine* recently that there was no room in the lives of his own two children for Behaviorism, and stated further that he practiced the New Psychology in his home life.

We stated that the teaching was barred in many of our larger eastern schools. We quoted from Sir John Adams, England's leading psychologist and educator, and reproduced his statement that Behaviorism was fine for animals and babies—and that's all. This month we will give a short resume of the history of its birth and a little of its teachings, leaving the reader to formulate his own opinion as to whether or not the teaching is an asset to anyone's education—or a liability. Personally, we do not believe the theory—never have believed it. And we are not alone in our stand. For it is probably safe to

say that 75 per cent of the leaders of psychological thought in the world do not believe it either. In fact every year the teaching seems to be more and more universally discarded, and we think it safe to say that it is about ready for the holy water and burial rites, as we said before.

At this point, and in substantiation of my claim that about seventy-five per cent of the country's leading psychologists do NOT believe the Behavioristic theory, it will be well to mention that the Psychological Corporation lectures, recently concluded at the New York Academy of Medicine, went on record as stating: "*Experiments and observations at the child development clinic have not born out the 'extreme' claims of Behaviorism, which insist that any child can be taught anything—that all depends upon environment and training.*" It might be well to state that the Psychological Corporation is comprised of some of the brightest minds in the realm of psychology, and some of the best known psychologists known both nationally and internationally.

From laboratories and universities all over the country were gathered speakers who were not only experts in their particular fields, but actual makers of psychological history. Dr. Arnold Gasell, director of the famous child development clinic at Yale; Dr. R. S. Woodworth, of Columbia; Dr. Mark A. May, professor of educational psychology at Yale; Dr. Thorndike, of Columbia, internationally known psychologist; Dr. Walter R. Miles, professor of experimental psychology at Stanford; Dr. F. E. Williams, director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene; Dr. Morris Viteles, assistant professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Floyd Allport, professor of psychology at Syracuse University; Dr. A. L. Gates, of Calumbia; Dr. Bingham, who needs no introduction; Dr. Joseph Jastrow, University of Wisconsin; and Dr. James McKeen Cattell,

president of the Ninth International Congress of Psychology. So certainly we are not alone in our disbelief of Behaviorism.

It was Dr. Gesell who made the statement quoted above re the "extreme" views of Behaviorism. In fact, to read the report of that series of lectures leaves one with the impression that its main object might have been the exposing of the false Behavioristic claims—which of course it was not. One of the most important findings of the Psychological Corporation was the fact that men and women can learn more easily between the age of 30 and 40 than between the ages of 6 and 18. This is diametrically opposed to Behaviorism which has consistently claimed that the first few years of a child's life determine its whole future. We mention this only in passing, however, in order that our readers may know that we certainly are not alone in our disbelief of Behaviorism. Personally, we never have believed that the material protoplasm of the human body creates the human mind. For, contrary to Behaviorism, we believe man has a mind. Behaviorism denies this. But let us trip along and see just where and by whom this mechanistic system of "psychology" was originated.

The first mention we find of the word "behavior" goes away back to Jennings who, in 1898, mentioned it in dealing with the lower organisms. But the use of the term in its present sense, and the modern doctrine of Behaviorism must be credited entirely to Dr. John B. Watson, formerly professor of comparative psychology at Johns Hopkins University. While attending the University of Chicago Watson said that philosophy meant nothing to him, and only took such courses as his superiors decided were necessary to his Ph.D. degree which he obtained in 1904—we believe this date to be correct if our memory serves us properly. At this time he gave vent to opinions, etc., that all psychologists should immediately cease talking about "consciousness," for, said he, "no such a thing exists."

He stated this so emphatically that practically every reputable psychologist in existence jumped on his shoulders

and informed him that such a teaching as he was endeavoring to propagate would be all right for animal-trainers, but that it has no place in the field of human psychology. His first public lecture on his newly-formed views was at Yale in 1903 and was very unfavorably received. This lecture created such an uproar that his friends and colleagues were rather unkind in their treatment of him.

Soon after this, and through the friendship of Baldwin, he obtained the chair of comparative psychology at Johns Hopkins, and it was from this vantage point that he fired his first shot which created so much unfavorable comment the world around. Then he released "*Psychology from the Standpoint of a Behaviorist*" and this was published in the Psychological Review some time in 1913 or 1914. In this "encyclical" he took issue with all organized and unorganized religion and philosophy, and denounced them both, claiming that they were a stumbling block in the path of introspective psychology. (His brand, of course.) In this same outburst he denied the existence of "consciousness" and stated that it had no place in the scientific realm. He did not tell us what to do with this very pertinent and universally acknowledged "consciousness," but he did relegate it into the limbo of ignorance and denied its existence. Behaviorism still denies it, although what it offers in its place certainly is a mighty poor substitute. In fact it really offers nothing in its place—just ignores consciousness and says it does not exist.

Dr. Watson stated further that he recognized no dividing line between man and brute, and in passing may we say that it is quite easy to judge the caliber of a man from his teachings and writings. Then Watson told of his attempts to get a unitary scheme of animal response. In simplified terms, he stated his theory to be that man was nothing more nor less than a highly organized and sensitized animal, acting as he does because of certain "stimuli" and "response" and "reflex action." He tried to prove that changing protoplasm caused changing "mind," which "mind" was originated in, and respon-

sive to the physical system. No consciousness—no God—no religion—none of the finer things of life—none of the higher hopes and aspirations—nothing at all but "stimuli" and this "stimuli" part and parcel of the whole of a man.

Needless to say such a teaching as that caused attacks to come from every quarter. Professor Calkins of Wellesley College asked why this man insisted on calling his new doctrine—Psychology. And the question was rightly asked. We have always contended that in masquerading under the name of Psychology, Behaviorism was attempting to wear a garb it had no right to. And we repeat a former statement here that this Watsonian doctrine, or theory, for that's all it really is, is NOT Psychology in any sense of the word. Psychology is the science of the mind, and Behaviorism denying the existence of both mind and soul, it can by no possible means be Psychology.

What Behaviorists should call themselves is either biologists, physiologists, or experimental zoologists, and let it drop at that. Certainly they have no claim to the term "Psychology" at all. Only one man appeared on the scene in defense of Watson, and he didn't really defend him. Professor Angell of Chicago University came out bitterly against this new theory—in fact all it ever did was to create antipathy and to incur the disgust of thinking people. To be absolutely fair to the Behaviorist we will state that as far as it being an explanation of the sensory responses goes, we believe it to be fairly well grounded. But it can not and does not take into consideration **inner**, centrally aroused personal experiences as thinking and emotion. Hope it knows nothing about. Faith it ignores as it does consciousness. In our opinion it denies the very finest and noblest things of life, and confines its efforts to actions, etc., all of which are purely animalistic and therefore mechanistic. And we can not agree that man is an animal.

In 1914 Watson placed on the market his first book called "*Behavior; An Introduction to Comparative Psychology*." By this time such a fury of opposition had been created that Watson became involved in controversies everywhere.

Other things happened also later, and, as we previously stated the founder of Behaviorism is now selling advertising in New York. We have an idea that he will have quite a time convincing the large advertising agencies in this country that man has no mind or consciousness, nor no brain functions other than physical. But probably he doesn't believe that now. At any rate in Psychology Magazine not long ago he went on record as being on the other side of the fence now.

This book was but a rehash of the papers going before it, and again from all quarters came very violent and bitter criticism. From the church especially. At a later date he released another book called "*Psychology from the Standpoint of a Behaviorist*" and in this book he still is hammering away, trying to prove that man is nothing more nor less than an animal, motivated of course by "stimuli." We are given to understand that Watson still continues his "*Researches*" under the auspices of Columbia University. Speaking of the soul, Watson says that such an idea was conceived in the general laziness of mankind. As far as he is concerned there is no soul, mind nor consciousness. Behaviorists do not use the terms which are subjective, as "sensation," "perception," "emotion," "purpose," or "thought." To them there are no such "animals." All is response and stimuli, and this ethereal "stimuli" is caused by either changes in environment or in the tissues of the human body itself. Personally we can not see this theory, and we do not believe it, although we grant the right of Dr. Watson and those who follow him to believe it if they care to. We have never to date been able to see though, just what hope or ambition such a theory as that can stir up in the human breast. For man is essentially a religious being. It is utterly impossible to separate men from a higher intellect, and from an overruling power. Man's own reason rebels at such a thought.

Some few years ago we were invited to visit an astronomer of national reputation in his great observatory. He stated that he would have something mighty interesting to show us through the telescope that night. We went. Ask-

ing us to direct our attention to a certain part of the celestial sphere, he pointed out to us through the world's largest telescope, a tiny ray of light which had come into the range of that powerful instrument just that night. We saw it, and were informed that this little pin-head of light was Uranus. On asking how far away this planet was, we were informed if we remember correctly that it was about 1,600,000,000 light years away. A light year as is well known is the distance a body would cover if it traveled at the speed of light which is about 186,000 miles a second. We do not believe any human mind can even imagine such a distance as that is, and neither do we believe that any "changing tissue" can understand it. But for the sake of argument were we to admit that the Behavioristic theory were perfectly scientific and all that could be desired, were we to suppose that it could intelligently and satisfactorily explain man's actions to everyone's satisfaction—would that be of much use to the student?

For there are things going on outside of the realm of actions and behavior, which things the Behaviorist is taking no notice of. It is perfectly permissible for the professor of Behaviorism to have his classes chew quassia chips and measure willed reactions. We have no fault to find with that. In fact the farther these laboratory experiments can be pushed the better we shall like it for we want to know everything we can know about this physical body of ours. But when all these experiments are over—when all that can be done along this line has been done—when man has been satisfactorily explained—can that be of much use to the student?

We do not believe it. For man himself is a mighty small part of this universe, and outside of either man or his consciousness, which for sake of argument we will for the time being admit might be explained by "stimuli," *there still remains an intelligence which "stimuli" can not explain.* Those celestial bodies still swing in their orbits with unerring precision. And outside of everything we can discover about a man, there still remains the *power behind the "stimuli."* And it is our con-

tention that any teaching which seeks to find in man's physical body the *sum-mum bonum* of all human aims and endeavors, is a false theory and a false philosophy of life. We do not quote from the bible very much for we do not believe very much that is in it. But we are tempted at this point to quote this: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth His handiwork," and to us, just one glimpse of yon starry heavens at night is sufficient to convince us that there is a far greater power in existence than "stimuli."

Into our home just a few years ago came a tiny bundle of humanity. Absolutely helpless. And we have watched and still are watching with mighty big interest that little body develop until, barring accidents, the day will come when she is a full grown woman. At this point in the life of the little baby, the Behaviorist probably can give a scientific explanation of its *actions*. We grant that. And we further grant that until the age of probably 4 or 5 he can still give a plausible and scientific explanation of these actions, but what he can't do is to tell us who and what the power is that gave the little body in which the "stimuli" work. He can not tell us that. Neither can he tell us what happens when that tiny baby becomes a human entity having the power to do whatever it wills to do. He can explain actions, but he can not give the cause of the actions.

We at all times endeavor to keep abreast of the latest scientific findings and the discoveries and experiments conducted in both the realm of psychology and psychical research. We know Watson's Behaviorism like a book. We have studied his "receptors" both "cutaneous," "kinesthetic," and his other kinds. We know his theory on the organs of equilibrium, and the olfactory mechanism, etc. But after a very intense study of everything Dr. John B. Watson has to offer, we are forced to admit that if the day ever came in which we adopted such a philosophy of life as he teaches, we wouldn't care a snap of the fingers whether we lived or not. For we would be robbed of life's highest and noblest ideals. We would be robbed of our God—and we *know* He exists. The human

mind has never yet been able to grasp the "mystery" of either God or godliness, but just the same we don't believe we want to be robbed of everything this life holds dear to us. And that lies in the spiritual realm—not the physical. We do not understand the magnitude of the whole scheme, and we are not so sure that we were meant to understand it—yet. But we *do* know that were we robbed of our faith in God, life wouldn't hold much for us. And for this reason we say that any teaching, no matter what it may be, which teaching takes from man everything other than what can be explained through the actions of the physical system, is a wrong and a malicious teaching, and one which could not have ended in any other place than where Behaviorism seems to be headed. Take away the belief in God from the life of the college student, and you make an animal out of him. Take away life's highest and noblest aspirations and hopes, and you very effectively blast the life. And such hopes and aspirations do not come from the physical body with its "responses" and its "stimuli." They come from a far greater power than that, and while it is a fact that the mighty Master Intellect which causes yon celestial bodies to revolve in their orbits can not be conceived by mortal mind in His entirety, none but a fool would say that there is no such outside intelligence. None but a fool would attempt to explain them by "stimuli."

And for this reason we repeat the statement made by us in this magazine recently—may God help the young man or woman who is sent out in the world, after having "majored in psychology," if the brand of psychology taught is mechanistic altogether. For such a one will find that their philosophy of life is not accepted by the business world at large. Doors will be closed to those holding such beliefs, for it is a well-known fact that brightest and keenest scientific and psychological minds today recognize the existence of a far higher power than Behaviorism knows anything about.

Go and ask Dr. Einstein if he believes in a supreme intellect ruling this universe and listen to what he says about

it. Go to the California Institute of Technology and ask Dr. Millikan if he believes in God, and see what he tells you. Go to William MacDougall of Harvard, one of the greatest psychologists the world has ever seen, and ask him if "stimuli" explains everything pertaining to man to his satisfaction and remember well what he will tell you. Go to Thomas Edison and ask him if his remarkable discoveries have been made as a result of "stimuli." Steinmetz, the wizard of the General Electric company, was asked shortly before his death along what lines and in what realm the greatest discoveries of the next ten years would be made. And his reply was: "*In the Spiritual Realm.*" The Behaviorist says no spiritual realm exists. But go down through the ages and ask the men who have made their mark and left their names on history's scroll whether or not their accomplishments have been achieved through believing themselves to be merely highly organized bits of physical protoplasm. Ask Shakespeare if he believes in an over-ruling power, and his reply will be: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Ask Abraham Lincoln if he believes in a supreme being, or if he believes himself activated purely by "stimuli" released through changing protoplasm—and see what he will tell you. Ask Calvin Coolidge whether or not he believes in God. Go to the Psychological Corporation and ask those monarchs of the psychological realm whether or not they believe the "stimuli" theory. Their reply has been quoted in this article. It may be considered advanced thought to deny God, to deny consciousness, to deny conscience, to deny hope, to deny love, and to deny faith, but inevitably such "advanced thought" will sooner or later find that its foundation was false, and those having been unfortunate enough to have studied this "advanced thought" will very soon find that they will have to revise their system of "psychology" or go down to an ignominious defeat, both morally and spiritually.

Now in closing this editorial let us again state that we grant the right to those studying and believing Behaviorism to believe whatever they wish to

believe. We grant the right to those teaching it to teach it. It is probably honestly taught and honestly believed. But this magazine believes it to be as false as hell just the same. And we believe it to be wrecking more young lives than any other teaching extant today. And for this reason we are opposed to it, and shall always be opposed to it.

We believe in fading out of the picture all reference and illusion to a supreme being, it is thereby standing on a foundation of sand, and it will not nor can not ever endure. Whether we are correct or not does not remain to be seen, for the system is almost passe as this is written.

THE AGING OLD CHURCH

I happened to notice an article in the Christian Science Monitor not long ago dealing with the churches and their financial health. The article was mighty interesting, so I think I will tell my students and friends the substance of it.

The article stated that there was a big decline in individual contributions to leading protestant churches through the United States during the period beginning in 1925 and ending in 1934. This report is made by Charles Stelzle, widely known statistician, in a survey recently released by this good gentleman.

Now listen to this: Contributions per capita for all church purposes declined 43 per cent, or from \$21.06 to \$12.07, he said, while for congregational expenses he places the decline at 35 per cent, or from \$15.35 to \$9.92. For denominational benevolences, 50 per cent, of from \$4.11 to \$2.09.

This is very remarkable, and yet quite to be expected because you know and I know that men and women the wide world over are discarding utterly and entirely the pagan story of God peddled by the church. Naturally when they lose interest in the teaching, they do not support the organization. Therefore, it has dropped in financial support over the past 10 years nearly 50 per cent. I say this very kindly, yet I believe every word of it. I wish that every dollar of financial support were, over night, withdrawn from every church organization in existence, because then it would die a natural death, and replacing the story

of pagan superstition which it teaches, it would be bound to find the actual power of God as this great spirit exists.

No preacher nor priest who reads the daily newspapers can believe in the immaculate conception, the virgin birth, or anything on that order. Let me quote an Associated Press dispatch which appeared recently in a New York paper. I quote in full and you may take it for what it is worth.

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Spiral Nebulae May Yet Reveal Creation Story

MILKY WAY TO WHICH EARTH
AND SUN BELONG MAY BE
ONLY NEBULA.

By Howard W. Blakeslee

Associated Press Science Editor

NEW YORK, July. (AP)—In the spiral nebulae, like the new one just discovered at Harvard which is so close by that it looks as big as the moon, lies one of man's hopes of some day discovering the origin of creation.

If he can figure out the cause of the shape of these spirals—objects which resemble pinwheels of light—he will be a long way on the road to understanding the forces which brought creation into being.

If a nickel pinwheel were lighted on two sides, so that it spouted sparks from two

points on its circumference, that would be an almost perfect picture of the structure of a spiral nebula.

Two arms of light, streaming off in circular paths that wrap themselves around a center which is a glowing mass of light—describes the spiral nebula.

The reason why this shape is so intriguing is that there is probably nothing in the entire heavens except spiral nebulae. Every aggregation of stars, it is beginning to appear, is a spiral.

Evidence is piling up even that the milky way to which earth and sun belong, is only another spiral nebula. To us on earth it is a collection of countless individual stars. But seen from the distance at which the other star collections lie, our part of the universe would be just another small pinwheel.

It was 200 years ago that the astronomer Herschel discovered the first of these nebulae. He didn't call it that—but named it an "Island Universe," a vast star collection incredibly remote from our own sector of space.

Today about two million of these "universes" have been counted with the aid of telescopes. They lie in all directions from earth, at all distances up to more than 100,000,000 light years.

Just now the estimate is that the 200-inch telescope when completed will reveal sixteen million of them.

Herschel did not call his "Island Universe" a spiral nebula because it didn't look like one. Nor do many of them look like the glowing pinwheels they probably are.

This is because some are seen edge on, and others at every possible angle.

Furthermore some seem to be pinwheels just about to form, others old whirls which have been spinning their long arms of fire for countless ages.

This is another reason for thinking that solution of their universal principle of spin may help to understand their origin. They lie out in space, apparently an open book, telling the story of creation's evolution, every step in it.

The trouble is to read the print. Larger telescopes will help. It is believed now that most of these spirals, which look like mere nebulous masses of light, are actually collections of individual stars, as widely spaced as those in our own part of the sky.

The newer shapes—pinwheels about to form—may be something different. The telescopes may sometime reveal what they are.

Those in the beginning stage are round masses of light-shaped like a jelly fish. They are believed at present to be merely masses of glowing gas. Such a nebula is E. O. NGC 3379. That is how most of them are named, by symbols, testimony to the

overwhelming intensity of their numbers.

The second stop—shown clearly by others—is swelling of the central mass of light. Third—it elongates—takes the form of a platter. Fourth—the spirals show up, shooting out from the ends of the platter.

Finally the thing winds up into a true whirlpool of stars.

There is reason to believe that each one of these—certainly in its later stages of evolution—is composed of from 2,000 million to 100,000 million industrial stars.

That is shown by the closer spirals. The nearest is only 90,000 light years away. Once it looked like a big spiral. Lately the larger telescopes have "resolved" this spiral—M 31 in andromeda—into a huge collection of stars.

These stars are strung out to form the spiral—the same spiral as all the spiral nebulae.

It is guesswork to say that our own milky way is a spiral nebula, for Earth is a part of it, and we are too close to see.

But there is one piece of startling evidence. That is the proving whirling motion of the whole milky way. It is spinning round its center, with its outer edges traveling at something like 180 miles a second. It takes several hundred million years to make one revolution.

In that whirl the earth lies two-thirds of the distance out toward the rim.

The distant spirals seen edge on show unquestionably that most of the spirals are fairly flat, like wheels with extra bulky hubs. There are reasons for believing that the milky way is such a disc-shaped collection of stars.

Although much remains to be proven yet as to whether all the big star collections are spiral nebulae, there is enough to show that this shape, and whirling, is the most universal principle of motion in sight of present telescopes.

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Evidences exist on every hand that the creative life spirit which caused this scheme of things to be in the first place, did so according to natural and spiritual law, and not according to divine revelation or miracles, and unless the churches as a whole utterly and entirely discard the pagan philosophy they are teaching now, and open their eyes to such articles as this one, then I am afraid there is nothing but disaster before them.

I won't elaborate on this at all, for you will see the logic of it as I do. I just want all my students and friends to live in the consciousness of the presence of the great spirit of God and forget all the rest of the church tommyrot.

THE BIBLE

There came to me the other day from some student, an editorial, I think it was taken from the San Jose Mercury Herald. I find it in my file here, and as it fits in with my line of work, and as the editorial is certainly clever, I want to reproduce it here and give credit, of course, to whatever paper it came out of.

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"In a sermon on the Bible a California pastor is reported to have advised "to read this book as they would read any other book." If the Bible be the same as other books this advice is probably correct. But if it be a "self-evidencing moral code"—the highest in the world—more, if it be a divinely inspired, spiritual book, it seems reasonable to conclude that we should strive to bring to its perusal an attitude and an apprehension quite different from that we bring to the reading of any other book. If it have no other message to the world than a message of history; even if it be "the world's most impressive record of personal faith," of course, it can not be divinely inspired. No inspiration is needed to write history. Any honest, observing person familiar with the facts can write history or make an honest record.

But if the Bible has a spiritual message to the world, like all things spiritual, this message "must be spiritually discerned." Read in the letter only, as we read other books, this message will be largely or wholly lost upon the reader. We are to read as it commands that it be read, as we are told to sing, as Paul says that he prayed, "with the spirit and with the understanding also." Read and understood in the letter only, its message will be misunderstood and misinterpreted; instead of enlightenment and spiritual quickening, it may bring darkness, bigotry, spiritual death. As Paul tells us, "The letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

But this pastor's advice is, at least, an improvement on the rule laid down by the old theologians for the reading and understanding of the Bible, viz:

that we are to understand and "believe every word of it from Genesis to Revelation just as it reads." The Bible not only can not be read and rightly interpreted in this way, but few other books can be. The book that has no imagery, no figures of speech, no allegorical allusions would be prosy indeed. The Bible is not such a book. It is full of allegories and parables, and these are by no means labeled as such.

The Great Apostle understood this. His allusions to the Bible indicate that the whole book is full of hidden meanings and spiritual lessons for one who has the spiritual insight to see and understand them. In the fourth chapter of Galatians, for example, we find these words: "For it is written that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bond maid, the other by a free woman. But he who was of the bond woman was born after the flesh; but he of the free woman was by promise. Which things are an allegory." The apostle then proceeds to point out the meaning of this allegory. If this be an allegory, as Paul declares, what part of the Scriptures might not be such to a man who could read and understand it in the spirit as Paul did?

What man of intelligence does not know that all the rain that falls upon the earth comes by evaporation from the ocean? Since water seeks its level, when moisture in the form of rain falls upon the earth it runs rapidly down the mountains and other high altitudes toward the sea, and the greater the volume of water the sooner it will find its way there. In a comparatively short time all the water precipitated upon the earth is back in the ocean again. Since, therefore, it is certain that no flood ever came or could come to cover the tops of the mountains, those of us who wish to continue to believe the Bible must conclude that this flood story has a spiritual meaning and purpose which the theologians have as yet not discovered. There is internal evidence of this in the story itself.

That the story of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, as told in the second and third chapters of Genesis, is an allegory, even as that of Abraham and Hagar, is amply shown by the character of the narrative. It seems certain that there was never any "tree of knowledge of good and evil," the fruit from which would "make one wise" actually growing as other physical trees grow upon the earth. Surely there was no literal tree, called the "tree of life," eating the fruit from which would cause one to "live forever," planted, as we plant trees, east of the garden with a real flaming sword "which turned every way to keep the way of the tree of life."

It taxes one's credulity rather heavily to be asked to believe that a real, live snake actually conversed with Eve, as the story declares; that God told Adam that the day he ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he should surely die, and when Adam ate thereof did not make good His word. If the serpent told Eve that if they ate of the forbidden fruit they should not die but should be as Gods knowing good and evil, word for word just as it reads, then the serpent's words were true; they did not die, but as the story relates, "the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked!" Terrible

thing, was it not, to come to know good from evil and to realize their nakedness and to go to work to cover it?

But the language of the whole story makes it clear that it was never intended to be understood as a historical record. It is plainly allegorical. The defenders of the Bible and the upholders of religion would do well to admit this and get to work to discover its hidden meaning and the spiritual lesson it is intended to convey to us.

It can not be too often repeated that the Bible is a spiritual book—a divine revelation—and not a text book on history or geology or astronomy or physical geography or any other science. Understood aright it will be found to be a revelation of the spiritual growth or development of man from the coming of his knowledge of good and evil up to the realization of the glory of the spiritual life and the birth of the Christ Spirit within him."

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I wish we had more newspaper editors like the gentleman who wrote this editorial, for he has used his reason, and after all, the secret of life will be known by the use of reason and not by "divine revelation" if some of the stuff in the Bible is an example of "divine revelation."

CHANGING RELIGIONS

Mr. Fremont Older is perhaps one of the most respected newspaper presidents and editors on the Pacific Coast. As you know, he owns the San Francisco Call-Bulletin, and the following editorial, coupled with the one reproduced from a San Jose paper just go to show how the old orthodox, foolish religious beliefs are passing away. This is a wonderfully healthy sign.

This entire orthodox church structure as we have it exists in a belief that Jesus was miraculously born of a virgin without a human father, and yet 75 per cent of the preachers on record don't believe

it. Now, I am asking you, who is the closer to the Realm of God, the founder of the "Psychiana" movement, or these preachers? I wish they would be honest enough to come out and say the things I say because if they would do that, I would show them the truth and the real truth behind the story of Jesus Christ and all the rest of the Crucified Saviors. They're like a beautiful truth, and there is no question about that, and it must be a real truth, otherwise the nations we call pagan thousands of years before Christ was ever heard of, would not have the same story.

Why it is absolutely foolish to think that this virgin birth story and the resurrection story also was original with Jesus Christ, because there is too much evidence against that. We know that it was nothing of the kind and those of us who have taken the trouble to find out know that the entire story was stolen from the religion of a nation we call heathen.

What object would I have in continually hammering away at the falsity of the story of Jesus Christ if I did not know for a positive fact how false it is. There wouldn't be any glory or honor or anything else coming to me from fighting against this story if I were not convinced that it was not true, but there does come to me considerable honor in making the fight I am making to prove the religious philosophy of present day orthodox teachings is utterly false.

There is no body of men in the United States able to use their reason that I can't convince in one hour that the entire story of Jesus Christ and his salvation is a fabrication. Not a single body of men is there, and to back me up, we find these conventions of preachers going on record as denying the very fundamentals of the story. That is all I have ever done, yet they call me an atheist and an infidel, and will do everything in their power to try to upset me, and at the same time will go on record themselves, 75 per cent of them, denying the divinity of Christ and the virgin birth story.

However, here is Mr. Older's article. Read it and weep. Weep for joy because the true light is beginning to break and it won't be very long now until the world gets the larger picture of God.

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ARE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS CHANGING?

By Fremont Older

"The Churchman, a liberal Episcopalian magazine, keeps in close touch with the religious trend in America.

In a recent number, Dr. C. Luther Fry of the New York Bureau of Social and Religious Research, gives some startling figures on the changing thought in religious beliefs. His facts were gathered by a commission appointed by President

Hoover. The most interesting straws showing how the wind is blowing were discovered by Mr. George Betts. This investigator inquired as to the beliefs of five hundred Protestant ministers in service with those of two hundred students in Protestant theological seminaries. As all of the ministers were living within forty miles of Chicago, and the students were all attending northern seminaries, it is obvious that the replies may not be representative of the country as a whole.

Compared with the ministers, the students show a distinct drift away from the older theological positions.

Among those questioned, Mr. Betts found that the belief in a personal devil and in the existence of heaven and hell as actual places is decidedly on the wane. The relative number of theological students that still believe in these entities is only a quarter to a sixth as great as the number found among the ministers.

The returns also show a striking shift regarding the divine origin of Jesus. Only a quarter of the students maintained "that Jesus was born of a virgin without a human father," while seventy-one per cent of the ministers subscribed to this statement. Only three per cent of the two hundred students, contrasted with forty-six per cent of the ministers, held that to be a Christian it is necessary to believe in the virgin birth of Jesus.

The proportion of students who held that the creation of the world occurred in the time and manner recorded in Genesis was only one-ninth as great as the proportion of the ministers.

George Betts has written a book on this subject. In it he says: "Taken as a whole, it is evident that theological students differ from each other much more on matters of belief than do ministers. Conceivably, this may be due to youth and inexperience. But since these students were all in graduate schools of religion, many of them having been responsible to churches, this hardly seems plausible. The difference may be due to a tendency to independent thought as against the discipline of an ecclesiastical agency. Whatever may be the explanation, it is evident that for these students

orthology in the old sense of the term does not exist."

As against the changing of religious beliefs on points that may seem unimportant, the Hoover commission reports that there is a distinct gain in the number of religious books that are being published, and there is also a decided increase in the social implications of Christianity and pronouncements have been formulated by church bodies on a wide variety of topics touching almost every conceivable aspect of the life of the individual and society."

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Just last night, I was listening to the Richfield Reporter, and he stated that Mr. Hitler was tightening up his efforts to drive the organized churches out of Germany, especially the Catholics, and I take off my hat to Mr. Hitler. He stated, this Richfield Reporter did, that Mr. Hitler said that the German nation had just as much right to expect the power of God to manifest in their lives as the church had, and he denied that any church organization had any monopoly on the truths of God, and once more I take off my hat to Mr. Hitler.

At the risk of being deemed a radical, I am going to make a statement now that I have made thousands of times before both on the public lecture platform and in print, that this world will never find the power of God until organized religion has served its day and is forever banished off the face of the earth.

The Catholics, that hideous group, with its head in Rome, would go to any extreme to cram this rotten religious philosophy of theirs down the throats of thinking Americans and unthinking savages. History is full of the brutal murders instigated by this outfit to gain political power and control, and thank the Lord, Germany and other nations have finally gotten wise to this Italian religion and are throwing it out bodily. I would like to see the United States do the same thing. For it has no part nor lot in the intelligent spiritual religious life of any nation.

Oh, I suppose that if they don't interfere with others, they have a right to believe anything that they want to believe, but I think the American people

are perfectly capable of originating an American religion without having to go to Italy for it, and without listening to a bunch of pious pap coming from the lying mouths of pilfering priests.

Read Fox's book of martyrs. Read about the inquisition. Go to New York City and see these beautiful instruments of torture used by the Roman Catholic church in years gone by. Then ask yourself how much there is of God in that stinking mess.

Religious beliefs are changing, but God isn't changing. As the human race thinks and reasons, and as the pure light of an American thinking intelligent God-given reason begins to reign supreme, every organized church organization in existence can write over its door the word, "Ichabod," for certainly whatever glory it once might have had is now gone.

I confess to my readers that I am utterly unable to understand why tens of thousands of people, every Sunday will trot off to church with a Bible under their arms and listen to whatever is given them to listen to without investigating the story to find out whether it is true or not. I realize the beautiful sentiment, perhaps, which comes from the singing of these old melodies. I play them every day of my life that I am at home. But it is the music which is part of the Realm of God, and not the theory they sing about. Whose soul is not softened as the beautiful strains of "Lead, Kindly Light" are wafted from the pipes of a beautiful pipe organ. A man would be callous indeed if his soul were not stirred by such a melody. Or "Art Thou Weary"—that melody is enough to stir the depths of any man's heart, for behind it all lies a religious truth, and the talented musician who wrote that beautiful melody was in tune with the infinite.

The Catholic church denies the statement that Cardinal Newman wrote "Lead Kindly Light." It doesn't like to have its pure holy name stained by accepting authorship of such a terrible hymn as that hymn is.

American people, for God's sake, wake up and put your foot down on that sort of thing every possible chance you get, for only by crushing the viper will the lives of our children be safe.

WHAT ABOUT DEATH?

The other day, a student wrote in to me and asked the following question. This student stated that for many, many years she had thought that death is an unnecessary phenomenon, and she wanted to know what I thought about it. Here is her question: "Do you not think that people die because they want to die? Did you ever notice the look of peace and relief on the face of a dead person? Do you not think if all thoughts of death were eliminated, there would be no death?"

Now, it is very strange that that question should have come in, because practically all of my thought these days is along that identical line. I can not conceive of any scheme of creation with death in it, and I am absolutely positive that death in an interloper and has no place in the perfect scheme of life.

Now, it may be, as my student hints, that if there never had been any knowledge of death, and if we could obliterate now from our minds that fact of death, I am not so sure that eternal life here on this earth would be impossible.

For millions and millions of years, the human race has died. Some have died in childhood, others have lived a hundred years, but so far as we know, all have died. There are legends, both in the Bible and other ancient religious books which tell of men and women living to be seven, eight, and nine hundred years of age, and we have no way of knowing what about this. I would be the last one to say, however, that death is absolutely inevitable on this earth.

We are changing the life span through medical discoveries, and through the intelligent use of hormones, vitamins, etc., and I think if we knew all there is to know about the physical and spiritual realms, there wouldn't be any death of any kind.

I can readily understand how old age can prepare one for death and take away the fear of it, certainly, but you and I know that dying is foreign to the complete picture as the great Master Paint-

er is painting it. Quite often, I think I will start a movement called the "League of Eternal Life." I have a lot of data on hand concerning scientific research along this line, and I just wonder what would happen if a group of a few tens of thousands of people decided to get rid of death entirely. Christian Science demonstrated to a certain extent the power of the mind over the physical body, and hundreds of thousands of "Psychiana" students and followers have also demonstrated the power of the great Realm of God over the physical body, too. Now, I wonder just how far we can go along this line, allowing reason, of course, always to rule.

I don't think the church philosophy that we must die in order to live again is reasonable, logical or true. The chances are many to one that until this death is destroyed, those of us who do die are just dead, that is all. Of course, I am not saying dogmatically that this is true, but it looks to me that the chances are many to one that this might very easily be true.

I have repeatedly stated that the world is a product of evolution, and that goes for the spiritual realm as well as the physical realm. We can't possibly know at this stage of our evolution what principles or forces there might or might not be which control the life of the physical body. We come into this world as a result of a compliance with the natural law on the part of our parents. The little body grows until it reaches what we call maturity, and then it starts to wear out, and finally the casket comes along and we're placed in that and buried under the ground, and to me that is not a logical end to this beautiful thing called life. There is something wrong somewhere. There is something we don't know yet. Now let me say to my students and readers of this magazine that I don't have the slightest hesitation about making the statement that if either you or I had perfect faith in the present existence of

the Spirit of God, we should be able to do like we are told the Galilean Carpenter did, and command life to pulsate through a dead physical body. Better still, we should be able, I am convinced, to so ordain things through the power of the great God-Realm, that death would be absolutely unnecessary. The preachers, of course, will scoff at this idea, but they never had a healthy idea in their lives, nor did they have a forward looking idea, so we may very safely overlook any criticism they have to offer along this line.

Those who have experienced in only a little degree the peace, power, and health coming from even the outer edges of the spiritual realm are convinced that death has no place in the immediate picture, and they are further convinced that the secret to this phenomenon will sooner or later be known. It may be through the discovery of a new gland function, or something on that order. Still very more probably it may be that we shall have a little more confidence in the power of the spiritual Realm of God over the material realm. I think the latter.

Now, an interesting Associated Press dispatch came to me the other day, and I am going to reproduce it in full at this point.

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SCIENTIST DESCRIBES "THOUGHT BATTLES" IN WHICH FIGHTERS DIE

Washington, D. C., July 10.—(AP)—Thought battles which strike contenders dead without physical contact today were listed as "the strangest fights on earth."

They take place among the Mission Indians of southern California, according to Dr. John P. Harrington, ethnologist of the Smithsonian institution.

The mind is the only weapon. The fighters are medicine men.

Dr. Harrington said they often compete at village fiestas, before large crowds. In getting up a match the home talent, usually four or five men, challenge an outsider to battle. To win, he need only walk across a line drawn in the middle of the road, but it often proves as effective a barrier as a stone wall.

At other times he may be knocked unconscious as effectively as though he had been struck by an uppercut. There have been many instances, Dr. Harrington said, when the knockout caused death.

You will notice here that this happening is absolutely authentic, and if it be possible for Indians, who perhaps are closer to nature than we will ever be, can apply what they call thought forces and cause others to pass away, who has any right to say that the same forces cannot be exerted in an entirely different direction? There is no way by which you can convince me that dying is a natural thing. While I am not in the slightest degree afraid of it, it doesn't seem to fit into the picture, and regardless of whether old age prepares one for death or not, it is wrong and foreign to the entire scheme of things.

After having been a vital part in the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in the past six or seven years, I have no hesitation about making the statement that real faith in the Realm of God is a very, very scarce thing. But I am convinced just the same that if the last shadow of doubt could be cast out of the human mind or heart, nothing would be impossible. Under those circumstances, there would be a concentration of all the power of the creative God-Realm, and you wouldn't tell me, would you, that this would not be sufficient to eliminate disease or death? You can't have very much confidence in the Realm of God and admit that.

I am not claiming to know anything more about this phenomenon called death than anyone else knows, but I have confidence enough in the great God-Realm to believe it doesn't fit in the picture.

Here is little Alfred, the other day, scrambling over the rafters of a new house being built by Mr. Marineau, the editor of the News-Review, our newspaper. He slips through the rafters and falls down, and snaps his arm between the elbow and shoulder. At the present moment, he is lying in the hospital with his arm under tension, and will lie on his back for a month with this arm perfectly rigid until the bones knit again. Now, you can not tell me that the natural God-Process which will eventually heal those bones, could not be speeded up by a proper faith and the work be done instantly. Some sarcastic individual will turn around and say to me, "Why don't you manifest that faith?" Well, I am

perfectly frank to admit I haven't that sort of faith. It is my fault that I haven't, for if any man has seen the results of only a tiny bit of faith in the Realm of God, I have seen those results. But I have not yet reached the place where, in my own family, at least, I can do some of the things which can be done in other peoples' families. It probably is a case of "Physician, heal thyself." However, the fact remains there is no reason why the healing process which in this case will take seven or eight weeks should not be speeded up with the proper God-Power applied, and the result be instantaneous.

These infantile paralysis germs and all the rest of these bugs which have a tendency to destroy the human body are disease germs. They have no part nor parcel in the scheme of the creative intelligence behind this universe. They do not belong there and if the life giving forces, the life giving power, the creative energy of the Realm of God were present as they should be, infantile paralysis germs and all the rest of these bugs would have to go out of existence, for they would not be able to find a fertile field.

I am convinced that we are reaching a crisis in this world's history, and as a result of that crisis, I think perhaps a new type of civilization will come in, and with that civilization I am inclined

to think will come also a knowledge of the mastery of life over death.

It may be that some man or woman will rise up who is gifted with sufficient faith to do this. I don't know. You have read the story of the Welsh man of faith, Mueller. It is recorded that quite often he would sit four or five hundred homeless children down for Christmas dinner and wouldn't have a loaf of bread in his possession. Then in some way, someone would send along the food and the children would be fed. That was an example of faith.

This whole movement of mine is also another movement of faith, and whatever we have done to date, and whatever we have achieved today is purely and simply the result of faith which brings the answer. Yes, it demands the answer, and always the answer comes.

Now, I am going to leave this subject of death with you, and it may be that some student of mine, some clear thinking, reasoning, logical mind with child-like faith in the Realm of God will be able to establish this connection with the Realm of God which might very easily demonstrate to the world that death has no place in the eternal scheme of things.

In the meantime, let me ask you to carry with you always the consciousness of the existence of the power of the Realm of God, and that will do more than anything I know of to eliminate both disease and old age.

READ THIS EVIDENCE

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have enjoyed very much all the Lessons and experiences you have written about and would have written you many weeks ago had it not been for lack of time.

From your very first Lesson I received, things began to happen. I can not find words to adequately describe the changes which have taken place since the first of 1935.

Some people call the power miraculous

that I am using to aid and relieve the sick and suffering.

I will not go into detail, but will say I too have experienced many things you have written about. I have known about this dynamic God Power for many years but was not able to always draw upon it at will. Since the changes it seems to come when needed and without delays.

Several years ago I had two visitations from heavenly beings during crises, giving me a great feeling of security and comfort. I have experienced the see-

The Power of the Living God



I am finding the pow'r of the Living God,
A refreshing peace to my soul;
In sorrow I've wandered,
My spirit apprest,
Now I'm resting in His control.
The world could not help me, no comfort I found,
I was groping thru the dark days;
But now I've found God and His wonderful Pow'r,
Is guarding and guiding my ways.

I am finding the pow'r of the Living God,
A glory my heart never knew,
And I'm happy to find,
His presence Divine,
For I needed, I needed Him so.
He brings joy to my soul, I can not define,
It's a joy no words can express;
My heart is now singing a wonderful song,
Of love and of true happiness.

Chorus

Oh I believe in the pow'e of the Living God,
His Grace is sufficient for me;
I'm no longer bound down by the burden of fear,
For His Great Love has now set me free.
I believe in the pow'r of the Living God,
For His Great Love has now set me free.

EDITH TOURJEE WALKER.

*The above poem was dedicated to Dr. Robinson by
one of his students.*

ing of colors. I have contacted an absent one and have brought them to me. I have foreseen and foretold coming events. I have restored hearing and given sight to the blind. It is not instantly always, and sometimes it will take a month or six weeks. I use several different methods. The God Power is always used and practiced by me. In several cases after the patient's heart stopped beating, I was able to reestablish normal heart action and the patient recovered.

When I read your article in Physical Culture Magazine, I thought if I could gain this power and be able to use it for my patients, how happy I should be. It was for that reason I wrote you. I longed to be of greater service to humanity and this has been granted me. I thank God for the privilege.

Dr. Robinson, you have made rapid progress in your work and it must thrill you through and through when you look back on your life as it was, but you must feel it worth all you passed through.

I will say with all modesty I have done a little writing of verse and melody. After receiving the first Lesson, I wrote a sacred song and called it "The Power of the Living God." With your permission, I would like to dedicate it to you. I am enclosing a copy of the words and trust it may help someone else as much as it helped me.

More power to you, Dr. Robinson, and may your work reach to the four corners of the world. With God's greatest blessings, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

EDITH TOURJEE WALKER.

THE WORLD MESS

Every so often I take a little peep at world conditions, and every time I do so, I seem to be a little more alarmed over the prospect of universal peace. At the present time, I don't see any possibility of it.

Here you have the Italian dictator afraid to fight a real power, so he picks on a group of savages. I think this man is mad. He is drunk with military power, and human life means nothing to him if he can make a show before other nations. He will tickle his own pride, pat himself on the back, and call himself a wonderful fellow. But it is madness just the same.

Incidentally, I think this Italian gentleman will be very sorry that he ever forced war on Abyssinia, for that country will never be beaten by Italy, even though there are no outside complications, which there are.

Mr. Hitler seems to be in complete command of the situation in Germany, and I am not so sure that is a bad thing. You will recall that last year, I went through that country, and I am very much impressed with the German people. They know exactly what they want and they know how to get it, and I am

not so sure that the German attempt at liberation is not a very intelligent attempt.

You will recall that Mr. Hitler told the Roman Catholic church the other day that it had no mortgage on divinity, and he considered that the power of the Realm of God was just as available to the German people outside the Catholic church as it is to those inside. That's fine.

If there were no theology of any kind in the world, it would be lots better off. I didn't say no religion. I said no theology, and there is a vast difference between religion and present day theology. The quicker we can discard all theology and get a little true religion, then our troubles will be over. First of all, though, it will be necessary to discard theology lock, stock and barrel, for it never yet brought other than bloodshed, murder and strife. It hasn't a single laurel in its crown, and never will have. It tries to keep the people in terror and superstition of some awful calamity which will happen to them beyond the tomb if they don't accept church doctrines, but even that message doesn't take root any more. For by their fruits

ye shall know them, and by the fruits of the present day church, we know it.

So I say once more that I think the idea of chasing all theology out of Germany is a peach of an idea, and I would like to see it chased out of the United States. Once again, let me remind you I am talking about theology and not about religion. This world has no religion, or very little of it, and what little it has doesn't house itself in any church organization. There is more religion in the Townsend plan than there is in all the theologies in this world combined. There is more religion in the helping hand offered along the wayside of life than there is in the Vatican at Rome. There is more true religion in this movement of mine and more real manifestations of it than any and all theological organizations have ever been able to manifest today.

So much for Germany.

France, at this moment, is torn by strikes of one sort and another, and its financial structure is not so hot. I passed through that country last year, also, and while it is quite in the hands of Catholicism, I think that fact alone is sufficient to spell its doom if it doesn't get out of the clutches of the Pope.

France would like to fight Germany, but it is afraid to. So, it seeks an alliance with Great Britain, while England can do nothing else than build up a monstrous navy and a big airplane force and stand on the sideline.

One good thing Great Britain did was to let Italy know that if it forced a war in Abyssinia, it would find Great Britain on the other side of the fence. I think if we could make a pool of all these nations and then pounce like an eagle on the first nation that talked war and made war-like moves there wouldn't be any more war. But there surely will be war before very long, and it may be a good one, too, if there is such a thing as a good war.

I heard over the radio that President Roosevelt had banned all airplanes from flying over the Aleutian Islands, a move that means the United States is fortifying the Pacific. I know what he is doing in Alaska. I think it is perfectly all right. As long as nations deal in war and war implements, I am all for this

country's protecting its individual and national rights against any and all intruders. A few years ago, I was severely criticized for the statement that this country should have available one million men, with one hundred thousand bombing planes. If she had that, now, the Japanese wouldn't be quite as cocky as they are, objecting to this magazine article and that magazine article. It looks like they are deliberately trying to pick a fight before the United States is ready for it, and the United States is certainly not ready for it.

Now, where is all this strife leading us? I think it is leading to an absolute crack-up of the present civilization, if you can call it civilization at all. Personally, I think they were more civilized fifty years ago than we are today, but we are supposed to be civilized, so we will let it go at that.

It won't take much of a spark to start the fireworks going and when they do start, look out, for it will mean a complete devastation of the entire so-called civilization, and what will come after that, I don't know.

The only thing which can possibly prevent it is enough spiritually minded people throwing their spiritually minded thoughts in the opposite direction. I don't know how many students, friends and followers I have throughout the country, probably in the neighborhood of half a million, but I do wish every one of them would spend 15 minutes a day in "anti-war thoughts." I think that would make a powerful lot of difference and have a powerful effect. For you know and I know that more things are brought to pass on this earth through the power of spiritual thought than in any other manner, and my little word of advice to students and friends is to keep quiet and become so thrilled and filled with the presence of the great God-Realm that you throw out an aura of spiritual power wherever you go. Those catching this aura and watching you will automatically be fired with the same spirit and it is quite possible to start a national movement which can set the direction of future history in this country and throughout the world for that matter.

Don't fool yourselves, my friends. If

you are in tune with the Infinite, you are in tune with the greatest power this world has ever known and ever will know, and you should bend every effort toward staying close to this natural, normal, spiritual realm of God.

Those of you who are not through with the teaching yet, just follow the Lessons very, very closely, and those of you who have concluded, just simply learn the secret of quietness, for out of

the quietness comes strength to achieve whatever you want to achieve.

It isn't a case of bluster and hustle and noise. It is a case of quiet peace, and out of the quiet peace comes a power which in itself is very quiet, and yet which, when it needs to be thrown into play, can very effectively be used against any and all things which are not of God.

So remember this and learn the secret of the present of this great power Realm.

TWO LETTERS

These two letters speak for themselves. I pass them on for any magazine reader to see.

F. B. R.

Dr. Frank B. Robinson,
Moscow, Idaho.

My dear Sir:

Some of our readers have written us about "*Psychiana*," and I should appreciate some information as to your position.

Do you believe and teach that "all have sinned, and come short of glory of God," and that "the wages of sin is death," both the first or bodily death, and the second death or lake of fire? Also that lost sinners—which means all mankind—can be saved only because Christ took the sinner's place and paid the death penalty of their sin, and was then raised bodily from the dead on the third day; and that sinners are saved only by believing in his sacrifice in their behalf and the redeeming and cleansing power of his shed blood?

This, as you know, is the plain teaching of the New Testament and of evangelical Christianity.

I should appreciate a word from you letting me know your position as to these foundations of the faith.

Yours very sincerely,

C. G. TRUMBULL,
Editor.

Dr. Robinson's Reply

My dear Mr. Trumbull:

In response to your letter dated May 7, asking whether I believe "that all have sinned and have come short of the glory of God" and the rest of that letter, let me say that I trust that I have enough thinking intelligence and reasoning ability not to believe any such pagan philosophy as that.

There was a time in childhood when such soul-damning and life-blighting doctrines were taught to me, but thank heaven, I was fortunate enough to discover their falsity some years ago, and I assure you that they were utterly discarded at that time. I am also glad to notice that these fanatical and pagan teachings are being discarded by tens and hundreds of thousands, many of whom hold membership in so-called Christian churches.

Such superstitions as these may have been all right in a pagan and superstitious age which originated them, but they have no place in the hearts and lives of thinking Americans today, and I am happy to inform you, in reply to your letter, that they have no place in my life nor in the lives of my hundreds of thousands of followers.

I trust that this gives you my standing very clearly and I shall be happy to have you pass this information on to those of your readers who have written you about my teaching.

Sincerely yours,

FRANK B. ROBINSON.

STILL IT WORKS



Los Angeles, Calif.

Aug. 10th, 1935.

My Dear Dr. Robinson:

Inclosed in this letter you will find Money Order for the sum of \$2.25 to apply to acct. on my "Psychiana" Study course. I am very much delighted with it, it gives me the feeling that I have a new grip on Life, and I am following your instructions as carefully as I possibly know how and I certainly am expecting to benefit from it very very much, and in a material way which will automatically bring much happiness, and a long desired economic independence to me and mine.

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